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Calls

Call for tender on Developing, organizing and delivering of training activities under the EFSA European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship Programme | deadline 22.01.2025

Objective: The objective of the procurement procedure is to identify a contractor which will be responsible for the development, organisation and delivery of training activities under the EFSA European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship Programme, supporting EFSA in the management of the training programme delivered to fellows throughout their participation to the programme.

Budget and duration: The duration of the Framework Contract is of 4 years, and the estimated total value is of €1.6M.

Deadline for submission of tenders: 22 January 2026, 14:30 CET

[More information](#)

Call for proposals on Selection of hosting sites and fellows for EFSA's European Food Risk Assessment Fellowship (EU-FORA) Programme | deadline 26.02.2025

Objective: The call seeks to identify consortia of hosting sites and fellow sending organisations, both of which must be competent organisations under Article 36 of the Regulation (EC) 178/2002, EFSA's Founding Regulation. The sending organisation will propose a fellow to be trained under a work programme offered by the other consortium partner, who will act as hosting site and will be responsible for the training of the fellow. Hosting sites (consortia leaders) are expected to have a strong capacity and broad experience in one or more activities relevant to food safety risk assessment.

The focus of the EU-FORA fellowship programme will be targeted to activities falling within EFSA's remit.

Please see in the attached file the EU-FORA Call 2025 main features in brief.

Budget and duration: The maximum budget EFSA has available is € 825,000 (aiming to conclude 15 Direct Grant Agreements of max. 12 months).

Deadline for submission of proposals: 26 February 2026, 17:00 CET.

[More information](#)

See all EFSA open calls for [grant proposals](#), [calls for data](#) and [calls for tender](#).

Public consultations

Draft technical report on the approach for the risk assessment of copper compounds under different plant protection product (PPP) regulatory frameworks | deadline 12.01.2025

EFSA's Pesticide Peer Review Unit (PREV) has launched a public consultation on a draft technical report on the approach for the risk assessment of copper compounds under different plant protection product (PPP) regulatory frameworks.

Deadline to comment: 12 January 2025

[Comment here](#)

See all open public consultations [here](#).

Events

Webinar: How Trends for Functional Foods are Reformulating Modern Diet | 25.11.2025

On November 25, 2025, the State General Laboratory of the Republic of Cyprus (SGL) and the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority (NSVFS) of Romania, with the support of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), are hosting the online event:

“How Trends for Functional Foods are Reformulating Modern Diet”.

The event will investigate and discuss regulatory and scientific challenges around functional foods and will highlight the role of risk assessment and management. At the same time, it will examine the impact of evolving dietary trends like plant-based and fortified foods. Participants will explore how industry reformulation strategies respond to public health concerns, analysing national best practices from Cyprus and Romania, the consumption habits of younger generations, while laying the groundwork for future collaborative initiatives aligned with EFSA's mission of transparent, science-based communication from farm to fork.

The event is addressed to Risk Assessors, Risk Managers, Competent Authorities from the Member States, Academics, University Students, Food scientists and researchers, as well as Food professionals.

Please visit the dedicated webpage [HERE](#), learn more about the speakers and [register](#) to the event.

Date: 25.11.2025

Time: 9h30 – 13h00 **EET**

Webinar on call for proposals on surveillance methods for plant pests | 27.11.2025

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) will hold a webinar to promote its new call for tender on “Supporting the EU Member States with surveys of Union quarantine pests, Protected zone pests, and pests for which emergency measures are in place” ([Ref. EFSA/2025/OP/0026](#)).

Objectives: The webinar aims to provide potential applicants and stakeholders with a clear understanding of the call’s objectives, structure, and submission process. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the three Lots:

- Lot 1: Development and application of trapping methods for detecting insect pests
- Lot 2: Use of eDNA analyses to support early detection and surveillance of pests
- Lot 3: Application of remote sensing technologies to identify target populations of host plants and support pest detection

Participants: The webinar is intended for all interested stakeholders with expertise in the areas of environmental monitoring, pest trapping, molecular diagnostics, remote sensing, imagery technologies and related scientific fields.

Date: 27 November 2025, 15:00 - 16:30 (CET)

Location: Online

Registration deadline: 25 November 2025, 12:00 (CET)

[More information](#) & [Registration](#)

One Health research conference Luxembourg - 9 December 2025 | Registration until 2.12.2025

The Luxembourg Veterinary and Food Administration (ALVA) organises the annual conference on research in food safety, this year with the focus on One Health. One Health is a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach that underscores the importance of partnerships. This conference, supported by the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), serves as a vital platform to foster such collaborations within Luxembourg.

Date: Tuesday 9 December 2025, 14h-19h, followed by reception (registration desks open at 13h30)

Place: Centre multifonctionnel CELO (476, route de Thionville; 5886 Hesperange; Luxembourg)

Participation is free of charges, however, the [registration until 2.12.2025](#) is mandatory.

Please find **abstracts** and the **agenda** on our [website](#).

Trainings

Call for nominations to attend an EFSA Training on TKPlate | deadline 25.11.2025

With this call for nominations, EFSA wishes to draw a list of toxicologists, pharmacokinetic modelers and statistical experts working as risk assessors in Member State and pre-accession countries competent authorities.

Experts with the following expertise will be considered:

- Quantitative toxicology, with emphasis on knowledge related to New Approach methodologies, toxicokinetic and toxicodynamic modelling, dose-response modelling or quantitative analysis of in-vivo and in vitro toxicological studies;
- Statistics in general, with emphasis on those that are dealing with in-vivo, in vitro and in silico toxicological assessments;
- Fluency in English is a requirement.

One expert per Member State and pre-accession countries will be accepted.

Further information on this course can be found in the nomination form.

Date: 16-17 December 2025, 9:30 - 18:00 (CEST)

Location: Online

Registration deadline extended: 25 November 2025, 23:59 (CEST)

Later nominations will not be considered.

[Nomination form](#)

Publications

Derivation of a health-based guidance value for $\Delta 8$ -tetrahydrocannabinol ($\Delta 8$ -THC) and its occurrence in food

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) was asked to deliver a scientific opinion on the derivation of a health-based guidance value (HBGV) for $\Delta 8$ -tetrahydrocannabinol ($\Delta 8$ -THC) in

food with an assessment of the occurrence of Δ 8-THC and the co-occurrence with Δ 9-THC in hemp and hemp-derived products.

Considering the similarity in the effects and modes of action between delta-8 THC and delta-9 THC, EFSA scientists established that both chemicals have similar potency. They concluded that the acute reference dose (ARfD) set in 2015 for delta-9 THC should apply to the total amount of delta-8 THC and delta-9 THC consumed together. The ARfD is 1 microgram (1 millionth of a gram) per kilogram of body weight per day.

Based on EFSA's work, the European Commission and Member States will consider if regulatory measures are needed for delta-8 THC in food to protect consumers from potential health risks.

[Read the full article](#)

EFSA recruitment

Scientific Officer - Statistician for Uncertainty Analysis and Elicitation Methods | deadline 18.12.2025

Key responsibilities:

- Establish and maintain practices and methodologies for the structured elicitation of expert judgements throughout the organisation;
- Establish and maintain practices and methodologies for uncertainty analysis throughout the organisation;
- Carry out and review statistical analysis and modelling and present the results to different target audiences;
- Develop guidance and methodology documents and contribute to scientific outputs.

Why EFSA?

The candidate will play an active role in an organisation that makes a difference to the lives of 445 million EU citizens.

EFSA employs over 565 staff members, and its Scientific Committee and Panels engage highly qualified and independent scientific experts. Every position within EFSA plays an important part in creating an inspirational environment in which to work and develop.

Deadline for application: 18 December 2025, 23:59 (CEST)

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